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AIA MICHIGAN DESIGN AWARDS ANNOUNCED

June 24, 2019 - Rochester, Michigan - The American Institute of Architects Michigan announced 7 buildings singled out for design excellence and received their awards at its annual Design Awards Celebration on June 21 at Meadow Brook Hall in Detroit, Michigan. Dozens of projects were entered in the competition and they were judged by an esteemed jury from Minneapolis, MN, chaired by Matthew Kreilich, FAIA, LEED AP, Snow Kreilich Architects.

The following is a list of the winning projects by category:

BUILDING CATEGORY:

Weiser Hall

Ann Arbor, MI

Architect: Diamond Schmitt Associates

Contractor: DeMaria Building Co.

Photos: Tom Arban Photography

Jury Comment: This is an innovative adaptive reuse of an existing campus building focused on indoor air quality, sustainability and abundant access to daylight. It reconnects to the campus from both the inside and out.

CAMP MINOH

Charlevoix, MI

Architect: William/Kaven Architecture

Contractor: Glennwood Custom Builders

Photos: Daniel Kaven and Matthew Carbone

Jury Comment: The restrained material palette, exposed structure and sense of craft in this home creates wonderful spaces to live while the sensitivity to massing and siting create a powerful connection to the beautiful site.

St. Mary Chapel

Livonia, MI

Architect: PLY+

Contractor: Granger Construction

Photos: Adam Smith

Jury Comment: In plan and section this project delights. There is a sense of craft that seeps through every moment of this small addition, manipulating light and material to create a sense of spirituality.

**UNBUILT CATEGORY:
Urban District Plan**

Detroit, MI

Architect: SmithGroup assisted by Interboro Partners

Jury Comment: The project sets forth a bold vision that restores and revitalizes important public space within downtown Detroit. The community engagement, sustainable focused goals and attention to the pedestrian scale impressed the jurors.

**LOW BUDGET/SMALL PROJECT CATEGORY:
Thrive Juicery**

Ann Arbor, MI

Architect: Synecdoche Design Studio

Contractor: R.W. Mercer

Photos: Synecdoche Design Studio

Jury Comment: A singular conceptual idea unites the space with CNC milled woodwork. The restrained palette adds just enough delight without overpowering the space.

**STEEL AWARD CATEGORY; Presented by GLFEA:
General Motors Durant-Dort Factory One**

Flint, MI

Architect: SmithGroup

Contractor: Brenca Contractors, Inc.

Photos: Jason Robinson

Jury Comment: We loved the restorative and contextual use of steel to reinforce wood structure, create highlighted existing foundations and weave new stairs and guardrails throughout this historically significant structure.

**SHEET METAL AWARD CATEGORY; Presented by SMACNA:
Microsoft Detroit**

Detroit, MI

Architect: Neumann/Smith Architecture

Contractor: Turner Construction

Photos: John D'Angelo

Jury Comment: This playful use of sheet metal supports the central conceptual idea of the project, connecting spaces and directing views throughout the office.

The American Institute of Architects Michigan also announced the contributors to the design and built environment communities who have been singled out to receive prestigious recognition awards at the award ceremony.

There are 11 recognition categories and 14 award winners this year.

Gold Medal Award: Jeffrey Hausman, AIA, SmithGroup

Associate Member Award: Tiffany Brown, Associate AIA, SmithGroup

Firm of the Year: Hamilton Anderson Associates, Detroit

President's Award: William Wittig, AIA, U of D Mercy

Balthazar Korab Award: Amy Arnold and Brian Conway, Michigan Modern

Robert Hastings Award: Tamara Burns, FAIA, HopkinsBurns Design Studio

Young Architect Award: Matthew Guinta, AIA, HKS, Inc.

Jonathon Jackson, AIA, Ghafari

Danielle O'Neal, AIA, TMP Architecture, Inc

Honorary Affiliate Award: Kevin Koehler, Hon. Aff. AIAMI, Construction Association of Michigan (CAM)

Michigan Architectural Foundation Leadership Award: Eugene Hopkins, FAIA, HopkinsBurns Design Studio

25 Year Award: Linked Riverfront Parks featuring Chene [Aretha Franklin Ampitheater], Schervish Vogel Merz PC

College of Fellows: Sharon Haar, FAIA, Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning

The American Institute of Architects Michigan, headquartered Midtown Detroit, established its awards program to raise public awareness to the value and importance of architectural excellence and to recognize those whose notable achievements encourage all to make excellence in architecture the standard. Visit www.aiami.com or call 313.965.4100 to learn more.

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